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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

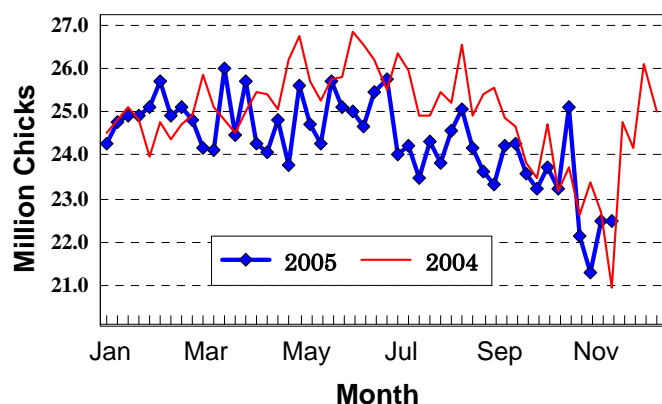
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 22.5 million during the week ending November 26, 2005. Placements were up 7 percent from the comparable week in 2004, and down slightly from the previous week, and included 2.2 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through November 26, 2005 were 1.17 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 23.9 million, up 6 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 3 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.8 percent.

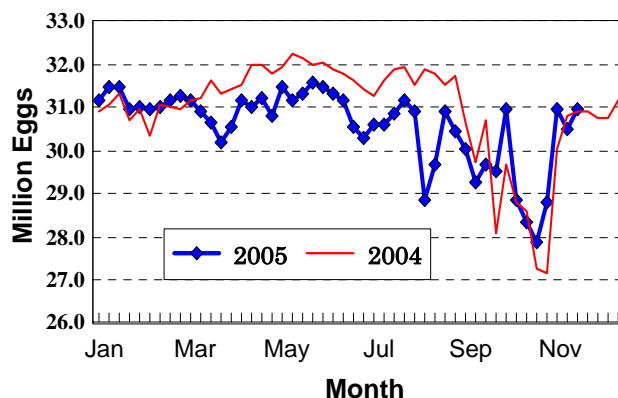
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending November 26, 2005, up slightly from the same period last year, and up 2 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Oct. 22	23,205	23,224	100	23,259	24,472	105	28,574	28,357	99
Oct. 29	23,732	25,082	106	24,573	25,779	104	27,242	27,886	102
Nov. 5	22,634	22,153	98	23,869	23,994	101	27,142	28,826	106
Nov. 12	23,357	21,300	91	23,693	23,467	99	30,052	30,983	103
Nov. 19	22,691	22,501	99	22,636	23,205	103	30,824	30,495	99
Nov. 26	20,983	22,475	107	22,520	23,880	106	30,922	30,960	100

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	05-Nov	12-Nov	19-Nov	26-Nov	%	22-Oct	29-Oct	05-Nov	12-Nov	19-Nov	26-Nov	%
Alabama	30,649	30,939	30,847 *	31,414	107	21,642	20,934	20,125	20,224	20,230 *	20,365	98
ARKANSAS	28,826 *	30,983	30,495	30,960	100	23,224	25,082	22,153	21,300	22,501	22,475	107
Delaware	3,820	3,484	3,797	3,995	105	5,940	5,289	4,912	5,960	4,697	5,897	115
Florida	1,374	1,374	1,364	1,364	102	1,583	1,567	1,646	1,542	1,604	1,612	119
Georgia	32,339	32,315	32,511	34,393	104	25,929	25,934	25,791 *	25,770 *	24,600 *	26,158	102
Kentucky	6,826 *	6,900	6,853 *	6,973	99	5,711	6,051	5,393	4,998	5,563 *	5,854	99
Louisiana	3,834	4,136	4,136	4,136	104	3,993	3,871	3,920	3,694	3,852	3,507	83
Maryland	8,820	8,842	8,787	8,952	102	4,679	5,388	5,933	4,781	5,443 *	5,148	95
Mississippi	18,412 *	17,914	18,477	18,484	94	15,641	15,771	14,936	16,223	14,960	16,395	99
N. Carolina	17,452 *	18,303	18,409 *	18,729	105	14,691	13,853	14,433	14,798	14,999 *	14,088	98
Oklahoma	6,322	6,606	6,676	6,800	102	4,566	5,218	5,542	5,396	4,539	4,943	100
Pennsylvania	3,903	4,272 *	4,024	3,987	101	3,095	3,034	3,036	2,767 *	2,766	2,885	98
S. Carolina	4,691	4,937	4,658	5,060	111	4,838	5,049	4,243	4,273	4,085	4,509	123
Texas	15,133	14,891	15,179	14,912	103	10,370	12,100	12,352	11,137	11,518	12,756	103
Virginia	6,511	6,374	6,377 *	6,388	98	4,651	4,933	4,859	4,976	5,083 *	5,173	105
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,551 *	18,049 *	18,052	18,033	100	16,013	16,167	16,013 *	17,199 *	17,311 *	17,002	103
Total 2005	206,463 *	210,319 *	210,642 *	214,580		166,566	170,241	165,287 *	165,038 *	163,751 *	168,767	
Total 2004	200,982	207,845	208,330	210,096		164,597	165,442	161,494	161,853	162,518	165,545	
% Prev. Year	103	101	101	102		101	103	102	102	101	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						04-Dec	11-Dec	18-Dec	25-Dec	01-Jan	08-Jan	

* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 26, 2005. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 26, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through November 26, 2005 were 8.17 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.